

CHAPTER 412

EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HOUSE BILL 21-1273

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AN ACT

CONCERNING REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PREPARE AN ANNUAL REPORT RELATING TO THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS LICENSED AND EMPLOYED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-2-112, **add** (1)(u) as follows:

22-2-112. Commissioner - duties - report - legislative declaration - repeal.

(1) Subject to the supervision of the state board, the commissioner has the following duties:

(u) (I) TO PREPARE AN ANNUAL REPORT ON THE NUMBER OF PUPILS ENROLLED IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE STATE BASED ON THE PUPIL ENROLLMENTS REPORTED TO THE STATE BOARD PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-54-112 (2)(a) FOR THE APPLICABLE SCHOOL YEAR, AND THE NUMBER OF SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS IN THE STATE WHO ARE LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO PART 2 OF ARTICLE 60.5 OF THIS TITLE 22 AND EMPLOYED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT, BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES, OR CHARTER SCHOOL WHO ARE REPORTED AS FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES. THE REPORT MUST STATE THE NUMBER OF PUPILS AND LICENSED AND EMPLOYED SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS IN TOTAL FOR THE STATE AND DISAGGREGATED BY SCHOOL DISTRICT, BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES, AND THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE.

(II) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE THE REPORT PREPARED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (1)(u) AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ON ITS WEBSITE NO LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER ITS COMPLETION EACH YEAR.

Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material added to existing law; dashes through words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law and such material is not part of the act.

SECTION 2. Appropriation. For the 2021-22 state fiscal year, \$35,000 is appropriated to the department of education. This appropriation is from the general fund. To implement this act, the department may use this appropriation for information technology services.

SECTION 3. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.

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